

Odell.                      Stafford.  
Potter.                    Terrell.  
Ross.                      Wayland.  
Sebastian.

Absent.

Goss.                      Stone.  
Gough.                    Turney.  
Johnson.                Yantis.  
Neal.                      Yett.  
Patterson.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.                      McGee.  
Burns.                    Miller.  
Davidson.                Morriss.  
Dibrell.                   Odell.  
Greer.                    Potter.  
Grinnan.                Ross.  
James.                   Sebastian.  
Kerr.                    Stafford.  
Lewis.                   Terrell.  
Linn.                    Wayland.  
Lloyd.

Absent.

Goss.                      Stone.  
Gough.                    Turney.  
Johnson.                Yantis.  
Neal.                      Yett.  
Patterson.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

By unanimous consent, Senator Odell introduced the following

#### BILL.

Senate bill No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the city councils or boards of aldermen in each village, town or city in this State that may hereafter be granted a special charter by act of the Legislature to submit such special charter to the qualified voters of such village, town or city for their approval or rejection at an election to be held for that purpose, and providing that such special charter be ratified at such election by a majority of the qualified voters participating or voting at such election before such charter can go into effect."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

On motion of Senator James, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m., tomorrow.

#### THIRTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1899.  
Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the Chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following members answering to their names:

Absent.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Ross, the same was dispensed with.

#### EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Odell, Senator Sebastian was excused for today on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, Senator Linn was excused indefinitely on account of sickness in his family.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Stafford:

Petition from citizens of Wood county, protesting against the passage of the bill now pending for the creation of the office of State Purchasing Agent.

Read, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 21, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 176, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, and to prescribe its duties and liabilities,' adopted by the Twenty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved March 27, 1889, by amending Section 25 of said act, and adding Section 31a thereto,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

Floor report: Atlee, James, Ross, Stafford, Burns, Miller.

MILLER, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 14, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 122, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for taxes due an incorporated city or town, and providing that redemption of the land so sold may be had within two years from date of such sale, and providing the terms, conditions and penalties incident thereto,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 14, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 37, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2460, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by adding Articles 2460a, 2460b, 2460c, 2460d, relating to mileage charged by sheriffs and constables in civil cases,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 14, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 54, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to require county and city tax assessors and their deputies to administer the oath or affirmation to those rendering property for taxation, and affixing a penalty for the failure or refusal to do so,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 149, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time until the first day of January, 1902, in which the affairs of the Franco-Texan Land Company, a defunct private corporation may be administered and wound up by the District Court of Parker county, Texas, in cause No. 3305, now pending in said court,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 137, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5172, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to commissions of tax collectors,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 13, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 90, being a bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the theft of cotton of the value of twenty dollars or over a felony, and under the value of twenty dollars a misdemeanor, and affixing a penalty thereto,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 105, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4786 and 4788, of Title XCVII, Chapter 7, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the elections for road taxes,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 108, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article (1012) of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the salary of court stenographers,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 62, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subdivision 4, of Article 3020, Chapter 2, Title LVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, requiring the calculations of net value of life and health insurance policies in this State to be based upon the American Experience Table of Mortality at four per cent. interest per annum,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 86, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a more efficient road system for Robertson county, etc.,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 17, being a bill to be entitled "An Act requiring claimants to titles to land under the statute of limitations of ten years to record a declaration of his claim, etc.,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 21, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 156, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize railway companies of this State to accept and exercise the rights conferred upon them by acts of Congress granting them right of way into and through the Indian Territory,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
JAMES, Chairman.

## MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, being a resolution providing for a convention to frame a constitution for the State of Texas,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

PATTERSON, Chairman.

## MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 21, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, being a resolution providing for a convention to frame a constitution for the State of Texas,

We, the undersigned minority of said committee, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not pass*.

STAFFORD,  
ODELL,  
GOUGH.

## MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, being a resolution amending Article 6, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

PATTERSON, Chairman.

## MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 20, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

SIR: Your Committee on Constitu-

tional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, being a resolution amending Article 6, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to suffrage,

We, the undersigned, being a minority of the above committee, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do not* pass.

GRINNAN,  
ODELL,  
DIBRELL

#### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Grinnan:

Senate bill No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3972, 3973, 3973a, 3973b, 3973c, 3973d, 3974, (1) and (2), 3974a, 3974b, 3974c, 3974d, 3976, 3976a, 3976b, 3976c, 3980 and 3980a, Chapter 13, Title LXXXVI, Revised Civil Statutes, 1895, relating to boards of examiners and teachers."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Lewis:

Senate bill No. 184, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4640, Chapter 3, Title XCVI, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, in regard to the filing and recording of certain conveyances, and other instruments of writing."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Lewis:

Senate bill No. 185, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title XXXIX, Article 2068, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and to add thereto after Article 2121, Article 2121a, in regard to the estates of decedents."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Goss:

Senate bill No. 186, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3910, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, relating to the closing of schools on legal holidays."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Grinnan:

Senate bill No. 187, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring and making all mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts and other obligations in writing, whereby land or real property situated in the State of Texas, is made security for the payment of debts, to be land or real property for the purpose of assessment and taxation; to provide for the assessment thereof for

taxation, and to provide for the sale thereof for such taxes."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

#### RESOLUTION.

By Senator Davidson:

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

Your Committee appointed to attend and make report of the condition of the House of Correction and Reformatory at Gatesville, ask that a committee clerk be assigned to duty with said committee, and that such appropriation as may be necessary to pay personal expenses of said clerk be directed to be paid out of the contingent fund; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, that so much be appropriated out of the contingent fund as is necessary to pay the expenses of said committee clerk for the committee heretofore appointed to attend and make report on the condition of the House of Correction and Reformatory at Gatesville be and the same is hereby appropriated.

Adopted.

By Senator Terrell (by request):

Senate bill No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a uniform method of electing school trustees in independent school districts, defining the duties of such trustees in reference to the election of superintendent of schools and the control of schools in such independent districts, and repealing Articles 4008, 4018, 4019, 4020 and 4021, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and repealing all other laws, both general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this act, and providing an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Dibrell:

Senate bill No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act to give the Board of Regents of the University of Texas the absolute and exclusive management and control of the mineral lands of the University."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

Call concluded.

#### BILLS ON THIRD READING.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

Senate bill No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 4, of Article 3050, of Chapter 2, Title LVIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, requiring the calculations of net value of life and health insurance policies in this State to be based upon the

American Experience Table of Mortality at four per cent. interest per annum."

Bill read third time.

By Senator McGee:

"Amend Senate bill No. 62, page 1, by striking out from the caption thereof all the words after the words 'An Act' in line 7, page 1, down to and including the word 'Texas,' in line 8, page 1."

Adopted.

By Senator McGee:

"Amend Senate bill No. 62, by striking out all the words after the word 'Section 1,' in line 13, page 1, down to and including the figure '4' in line 14, page 1."

Adopted.

By Senator Morriss:

"Amend by inserting after the word 'above,' line 20, page 1, 'provided, that nothing in this bill shall be construed as in any manner affecting mutual insurance orders now doing business in this State.'"

By Senator McGee:

"Amend the amendment by striking out the word 'mutual' and inserting 'fraternal and benevolent assessment.'"

Adopted.

Amendment as amended adopted.

By Senator McGee:

"Amend Senate bill No. 62, by inserting after the word 'policy,' in line 15, page 1, the following, 'of insurance as provided for in Article 3050, Revised Statutes of Texas.'"

Adopted.

By Senator McGee:

"Amend Senate bill No. 62, by adding thereto after Section 1 of the bill the following:

"Section 2. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed."

"And amend by numbering Section 2, in the printed bill, Section 3."

Adopted.

The bill as amended was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Greer.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Odell.
Hanger.	Patterson.
James.	Potter.
Johnson.	Ross.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Wayland.

Nays—2.

Gough.

Stafford.

Absent.

Dibrell.

Turney.

Goss.

Yantis.

Neal.

Yett.

Stone.

Absent—Excused.

Linn.

Sebastian.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading.

Senate bill No. 86, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Robertson county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of deputy road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining their duties, and for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner of training hedges along any public road, and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

Bill read third time, and passed.

## HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 21, 1899.

*Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.*

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bill:

House bill No. 146, "An Act to fix a time for holding the courts in the Forty-sixth Judicial District, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith," with amendment.

Also that the House has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10, with an amendment.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

## IN SENATE.

The above reported House bill No. 146, was read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senator Atlee called up Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10 (providing that Wednesday and Thursday of each week be set apart by each house for the consideration of bills from the other house), which had been reported passed by the House with an amendment (the amendment struck out Thursday), and moved that the Senate concur in said amendment.

Senator Terrell moved as a substitute that the Senate do not concur, and that the Senate request the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences of the two houses.

Carried, and the Chair appointed on part of the Senate, Senators Greer, Terrell, Grinnan, Burns and Miller.

On motion of Senator Johnson the regular order of business was suspended, to take up, on third reading.

Senate bill No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1012, Chapter 14, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895."

Bill read third time, and passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

Senate bill No. 90, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the theft of cotton of the value of twenty dollars or over a felony, and under the value of twenty dollars a misdemeanor, and affixing a penalty thereto."

Bill read third time.

By Senator James:

"Amend Section 1, page 1, by striking out all after the words 'Section 1,' and inserting in lieu thereof the following: 'That if any person shall steal any cotton of the value of twenty dollars or over, or if any person shall steal any seed cotton from the field of another in the night time, such person shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than three years.'"

By Senator Potter:

"Amend the amendment by striking out the words 'from the field.'"

Adopted.

Senator James moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Reconsidered (and the amendment corrected).

The amendment to the amendment was then adopted.

The amendment (James') as amended was adopted.

By Senator Morriss:

"Amend by adding as adopted 'and any person purchasing seed cotton in quantities less than 1000 pounds after nightfall, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for a term of not less than two years.'"

Lost.

By Senator Odell:

"Amend Section 1 by striking out on lines 12 and 13, the following, 'by confinement in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than three years,' and insert in lieu thereof the following, 'by confinement in the penitentiary not more than three years, or by confinement in the county jail not more than one year.'"

Lost.

The bill as amended was then passed.

On motion of Senator Johnson the regular order of business was suspended, to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 125, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 617b, Chapter 12, Title XVIII, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the abolishment of municipal corporations."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Johnson:

"Amend by adding Section 3.

"Section 3. The fact that under existing law there are many towns that are deprived of voting on the question of abolishing their municipal incorporation, and the crowded condition of the calendar, rendering it impossible that this bill can be read on three several days, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and it is so suspended."

Adopted.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Dibrell.	McGee.
Goss.	Miller.
Greer.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Odell.
Hanger.	Patterson.
James.	Potter.
Johnson.	Ross.
Kerr.	Terrell.

Nays—1.

Gough.

Absent.

Davidson.  
Neal.  
Stafford.  
Stone.

Turney.  
Wayland.  
Yantis.  
Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Linn.

Sebastian.

Bill read third time, and passed.

On motion of Senator Ross the regular order of business was suspended, to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, and to prescribe its duties and liabilities,' adopted by the Twenty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved March 27, 1889, by amending Section 25 of said act, and adding Section 31a thereto."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Ross, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.  
Burns.  
Davidson.  
Dibrell.  
Goss.  
Gough.  
Greer.  
Grinnan.  
Hanger.  
James.  
Kerr.

Lewis.  
Lloyd.  
McGee.  
Miller.  
Morris.  
Odell.  
Potter.  
Ross.  
Stafford.  
Terrell.

Absent.

Johnson.  
Neal.  
Patterson.  
Stone.

Turney.  
Wayland.  
Yantis.  
Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Linn.

Sebastian.

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.  
Burns.  
Davidson.  
Dibrell.  
Goss.  
Gough.  
Greer.  
Grinnan.  
Hanger.  
James.  
Kerr.

Lewis.  
Lloyd.  
McGee.  
Miller.  
Morris.  
Odell.  
Potter.  
Ross.  
Stafford.  
Terrell.

Absent.

Johnson.  
Neal.  
Patterson.  
Stone.

Turney.  
Wayland.  
Yantis.  
Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Linn.

Sebastian.

Senator Ross moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

## RESOLUTION.

By unanimous consent, Senator Dibrell offered the following:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11,

Whereas, A requisition has been made upon the Twenty-sixth Legislature for an appropriation for five thousand dollars to complete and render habitable the buildings recently erected at the Southwestern Insane Asylum at San Antonio, by virtue of an appropriation by the Twenty-fifth Legislature, of seventy-five thousand dollars; and

Whereas, It is reported that the specifications furnished by the architect of said new buildings failed to make any provision for finishing the walls of the entire buildings, from the floor five and one-half feet up, leaving the brick walls rough and exposed; and

Whereas, It is further reported that said specifications failed to make provisions for flooring of basement, rendering the entire building uninhabitable, unless said further appropriation is made; and

Whereas, If said report is true, it is another chapter in a series of outrages that have been perpetrated upon the State in the erection of its public buildings, that should not longer be tolerated; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, that a committee of three from the Senate be appointed by the President, and a like number on the part of the House by the Speaker, whose duty it shall be to make an immediate investigation of said charges and of said buildings, and the causes of such alleged gross neglect, and if such charges be found true, to locate the responsibility, and report to the Legislature as soon as practicable.

Adopted.

(Senator Gough in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Terrell the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 153, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 22, of 'An Act to fix certain civil fees to be charged by certain county and precinct officers and to fix and limit the fees and compensation of clerks of the district courts, district attorneys, county attorneys, sheriffs, and constables in felony cases, to be

paid by the State, and to fix the compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes, and to limit and regulate the compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes, and to limit and regulate the compensation of the sheriff, clerk of the county court, county judge, district and county attorney, clerk of the district court, assessor and collector of taxes, justices of the peace and constables, and to prescribe penalties for the violations of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,' approved June 16, 1897, so as to fix and limit the compensation of clerks of the district courts for certain services."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Potter:

"Amend line 26, page 1, of printed bill, by striking out '75' and inserting '50.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend bill, page 2, by striking out, in line 26, the figures '20' and inserting in lieu thereof the figures '12½.'"

By Senator Terrell:

"Amend amendment by striking out '12½' and insert '15 cents.'"

By Senator Lewis:

"Substitute the amendment and the amendment thereto as follows:

"Amend page 2, line 26, by striking out '20' and insert in lieu thereof '10.'"

Adopted.

The amendment as substituted,  
Adopted.

By Senator Potter:

"Amend line 2, page 2, by adding after the word 'seal' the following: 'Provided, that he shall only be allowed pay for one certificate to witness claim for attendance in behalf of the plaintiff and one in behalf of defendant at any one term of the court.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Grinnan:

"Amend line 27, page 2, by striking out '20' and inserting '15.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend page 1, line 24, by striking out '20' and inserting in lieu thereof '15.'"

By Senator Burns:

"Substitute the amendment: 'Strike out '20,' in line 24, page 1, and insert '10.'"

Lost.

Senator Greer's amendment adopted.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend the bill, page 1, line 21, by inserting between the figures '22' and

the words 'the clerks' the following, 'in all counties in this State.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Goss:

"Amend by striking out all of line 8, on page 2."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Davidson.	Lewis.
Goss.	Lloyd.
Grinnan.	McGee.
James.	Ross.

Nays—14.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.

Absent.

Neal.	Wayland.
Stone.	Yantis.
Turney.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Linn.	Sebastian.
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By Senator Goss:

"Amend by inserting between lines 24 and 25, on page 1, the following: 'Provided, whenever in any suit a certified copy of any petition or any other instrument is necessary in the district or county court it shall be lawful for the plaintiff or defendant to prepare such true and correct copy thereof, and to submit the same to the clerk of the district or county court, as the case may be, whose duty it shall be to compare the same with the original instrument, and if found to be correct he shall attach his certificate of true copy, and for such service he shall receive 50 cents for each certificate and seal, and in addition thereto the sum of 10 cents per page, 700 words to the page, for each page of said copy.'"

Lost.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend, in lines 2 and 3, page 3, by striking out, in line 2, '\$2.00,' and insert in lieu thereof '\$5.00,' and in line 3 by striking out '\$2.50' and insert in lieu thereof '\$5.00.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Grinnan:

"Amend line 32, page 2, by striking out '\$5.00' and insert '\$10.00.'"

Lost.



By Senator Goss:  
"Amend by striking out all of line 8,  
on page 2."

Lost.

By Senator Grinnan:  
"Amend line 13, page 2, by striking  
out '15' and inserting '10.'"

Lost.

Bill as amended ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Terrell, the con-  
stitutional rule requiring bills to be read  
on three several days was suspended, and  
the bill put upon its third reading and  
final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Atlee.	Lewis.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Gough.	Morriss.
Greer.	Odell.
Hanger.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.

Nays—3.

Goss.	McGee.
Grinnan.	

Absent.

Neal.	Wayland.
Stone.	Yantis.
Turney.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Linn.	Sebastian.
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Bill read third time, and passed by  
the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Hanger.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	

Nays—3.

Goss.	McGee.
Grinnan.	

Absent.

Davidson.	Wayland.
Neal.	Yantis.
Stone.	Yett.
Turney.	

Absent—Excused.

Linn.	Sebastian.
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Senator Miller moved to reconsider the  
vote by which Senate bill No. 62 was  
passed, and to lay that motion on the  
table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on  
third reading,

Senate bill No. 105, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to amend Articles 4786 and  
4788, of Title XCVII, Chapter 7, of the  
Revised Civil Statutes of the State of  
Texas, relating to elections for road  
taxes."

Bill read third time, and passed.

### RECOMMITTED.

On motion of Senator Terrell,  
Senate bill No. 145, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to provide for the establish-  
ment, maintenance and government of a  
State normal school, to be located at  
Denton, Texas, and to be known as the  
North Texas Normal School," was recom-  
mitted to Committee on Education.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Chair announced the following  
special committee on part of the Senate  
to visit and report on the various educa-  
tional institutions: Senators Goss, Ter-  
rell and Grinnan.

On motion of Senator Miller, the Sen-  
ate adjourned to 10 a. m., tomorrow.

### THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the  
Chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the fol-  
lowing members answering to their  
names:

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Patterson.
Hanger.	Potter.
James.	Ross.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Yett.

Absent.

Davidson.	Stone.
Greer.	Turney.
Neal.	Wayland.
Sebastian.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Linn.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Den-  
son.

Pending the reading of the Journal of  
yesterday,

On motion of Senator Stafford, the  
same was dispensed with.